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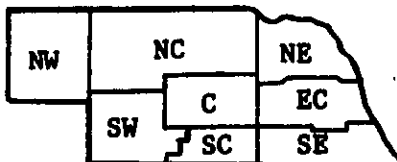
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WEATHER

Cool, damp weather prevailed with most precipitation reported midweek. Amounts were generally less than a half inch. Average temperatures ranged from one to four degrees below normals.

GENERAL

Fall crop harvest progressed rapidly across Nebraska despite some midweek rain showers and snow flurries. Harvest activities of all crops were greatly ahead of normal progress when the precipitation provided a brief break in the action. Western Nebraska farmers were harvesting dry beans, sugar beets, sunflowers and millet. Fall tillage increased greatly along with the advance of harvesting. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.5 days for the State.

Topsoil moisture supply rated 49% short, 48% adequate and 3% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 21% short, 77% adequate and 2% surplus. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 66% adequate and 34% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 5% short, 63% adequate and 32% surplus.

CROPS

Corn harvest progressed to 60% complete, double last year's 30% and nearly double the average of 32%. Ear droppage

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was reported in the north central, north-east and south central areas. High winds and damage from corn borers caused much of this loss. Moisture content has been low, minimizing the need for drying.

Soybean harvest raced ahead to 90% complete compared to 45% last year and 36% for an average. Some problems with shattering pods due to dryness will be helped by recent wet weather.

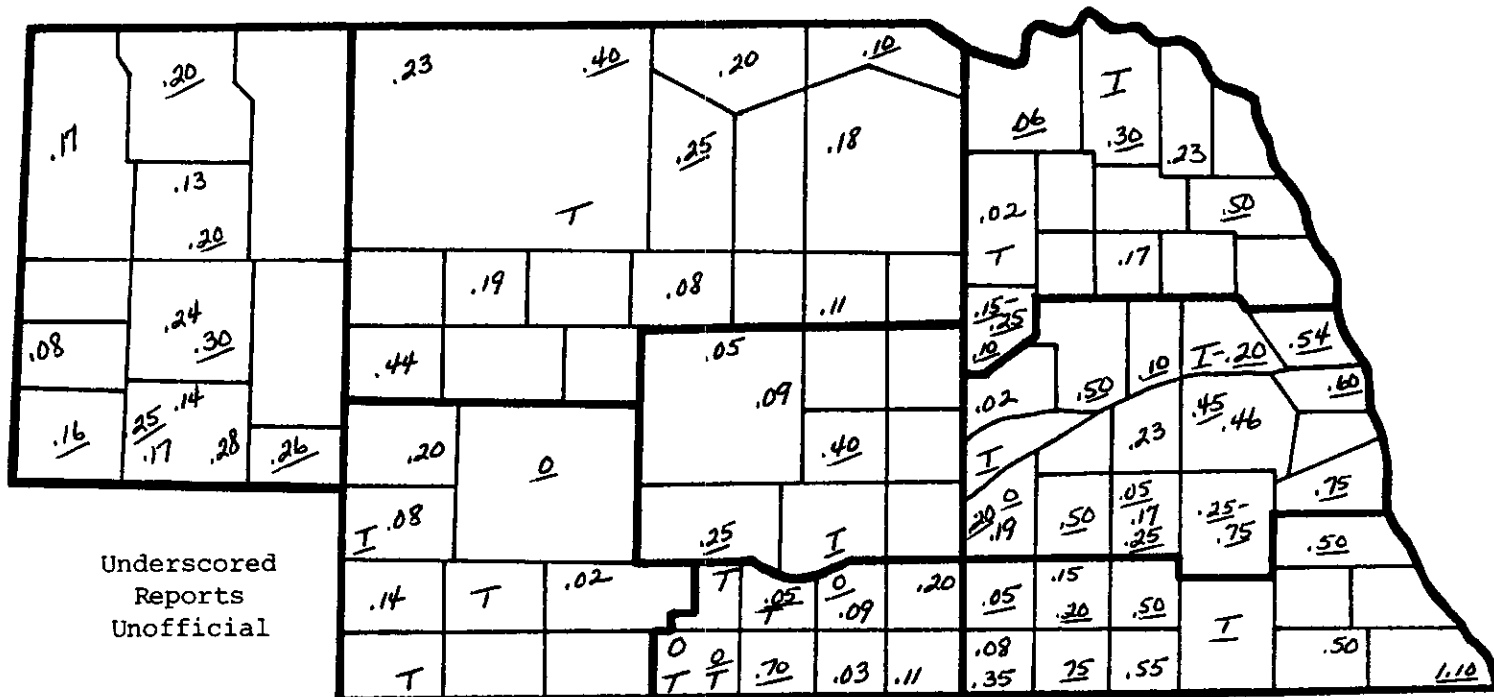
Sorghum harvest, at 75% complete, is over double last year's 30% and the average of 32%.

Winter wheat condition rated 3% poor, 42% fair, and 55% good. Dry topsoil conditions have led to the decline in condition. The precipitation received this week helped in some areas, but spotty, uneven stands are still evident in many counties.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies rated 16% short, 81% adequate and 3% surplus. Abundant stalk and stubble fields are available for grazing with the rapid advance of fall harvest. Calves were being weaned and worked. Hay was moved to winter feeding areas.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1987



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1987

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	78	23	47	--	.31
Scottsbluff	77	21	47	-4	.06
Sidney	74	25	46	--	.18
NC Ord	74	21	50	--	---
Valentine	74	21	47	-3	.48
NE Norfolk	75	26	49	-4	.11
Sioux City	79	30	50	-3	.12
CEN Grand Island	75	29	50	-4	.05
EC Lincoln	76	27	52	-3	.39
Omaha	76	34	53	-1	.65
SW Imperial	78	29	49	--	.18
North Platte	75	22	47	-4	.10

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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